

**WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT
HILLSIDES' CHAPLAIN PROGRAM**

- Pray for the children and the chaplain program
- Sponsor a holiday worship celebration (approx. \$200 each)
- Sponsor a Vessels of Honor Concert (\$500)
- Sponsor Vacation Bible School or donate funds toward a specific area of interest for that week (\$2,000)
- Sponsor Jewish Rabbi and activities for the Jewish residents (\$200)
- Sponsor other spiritual activities for Hillside, i.e., poetry readings, liturgical dancers, storytellers, or other guest artist/performers
- Craft supplies (\$25)
- Literature (\$30)
- Request a copy of the Chaplain Program Wish List to see other specific needs

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Please return this form to:

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MISSION STATEMENT

*Hillsides creates safe places for children by:
treating abuse, neglect and mental illness;
strengthening families;
providing special education;
and advocating for children's rights.*



Founded in 1913 by Episcopal Deaconess Evelyn Wyle, Hillsides was originally named The Church Home for Children of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles until its present-day status as a private, non-profit treatment center. Hillsides, an Episcopal institution, works to end the cycle of abuse that destroys children and tears families apart. Hillsides touches the lives of over 8,000 children and their families each year. With counseling and mental health treatment, children at Hillsides learn that they are not alone, and that they are safe and loved. Three programs constitute the framework for Hillsides' treatment services - Residential Treatment, the Education Center and the Family Center.

Hillsides' mission is carried out, in part, by the chaplain at Hillsides who addresses the spiritual aspect of the children's recovery and development by offering activities and programs that promote spiritual awareness and growth for residents who wish to participate. Participation in the chaplain program is optional for all residents. Funding for the chaplain's salary and program come exclusively from donor designated private donations and support.

spiritual development

Hillsides Chaplain Program

pastoral care



"Let the little children come to me."

worship celebrations

chapel services

Vacation Bible School

CHAPLAIN'S PROGRAM GOALS

- * To help children with a faith background continue in their spiritual growth and development with full consideration of each child's religious heritage
- * To heighten children's awareness of being uniquely created by God, resulting in increased self-worth and value
- * To teach children about values and morals as a way of developing respect of self and others
- * To instill a sense of pride in the children by providing opportunities for them to participate in chapel leadership and other performances
- * To provide mission opportunities where the children will develop a sense of empowerment and learn that they have something to offer in making the world a better place



ACTIVITIES

Weekly Cottage Groups

Chaplain groups meet for an hour in the cottages each week with activities focused on such themes as



values, morals, self-esteem, personal growth, spiritual development, teamwork, decision making, grace, forgiveness, respect for self and others, and discovering one's strengths and uses of those strengths. This is also a place for familiarizing children with diverse religious holidays and observances. Activities may include arts and crafts, drama, games, discussions, or videos.

Individual Pastoral Care

The chaplain spends time with the children on an individual basis as indicated during a time of crisis or transition. For example, if a child has lost a loved one and needs additional support to process their feelings, the chaplain will support a child during this time of extraordinary need.

Monthly Chapel Services

Chapel is held once each month at The Church of the Angels. Music is often led by the Hillside Boys' Band and a variety of groups and individuals have participated in songs, drama, readings, and prayers. Chapel is a place for the children to participate and take ownership of the services. Many of them leave with a sense of pride about their participation and a greater sense of God's presence.

Holiday Worship Celebrations

Holidays are very significant to the Hillside's children. The chaplain teaches the religious significance or origin of major holidays and then creates a worship celebration where the children participate by creating murals, crafts, music, poetry, or other artwork reflecting the theme. Their artwork is then incorporated into programs for the various holidays.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is held for one week each summer for the residents who have an interest in attending. This is a full-scale Bible school complete with Bible stories, drama, crafts, snacks, music and more. Volunteers assist the chaplain with this program.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Jewish Residents — A rabbi visits Hillside to provide Hanukkah and Passover activities to address the needs of our Jewish residents. The Jewish children enjoy preparing and sharing traditional Jewish holiday meals and festivities with their cottages.

Vessels of Honor — A performing arts ensemble dedicated to uplifting inner-city youth and empowering them to seek their purpose in life performs concerts for Hillside two times annually. The Hillside's children respond positively to this group and eagerly attend the concerts.